

CHURCH UNIFICATION THROUGH FEDERATION

The idea of unification of the churches in Flagstaff has made some progress, but, at the present time, the movement seems to be rather at a standstill. There has been some confusion on the subject of unification in Flagstaff, and it is thought that a clear idea of just what is had in mind, by those who are working for it, might serve to pave the way for a fairer consideration of the whole subject.

There are three lines along which church unification may be effected. These three modes have been suggested and considered by the Federal Council of churches, a national organization including most of the prominent protestant denominations of the United States.

The first of these modes or plans to be considered was the union of existing protestant churches into a single denominational church. The second is a Union church and the third is a federation of churches.

Now the idea of the denominational church is that all the church organizations shall combine into one, and the members shall choose to what denomination that church shall belong. That is to say, all the churches in Flagstaff might go over to the Methodist, Presbyterian, or Episcopal body and have one church of that denomination; or some denomination might be chosen not now existing in Flagstaff, such as the Congregational church; and the various churches now existing would give up their identities and be of this one denomination.

The second plan considered is that of the Union church, in which all the denominations combine to form one independent church not connected with any denomination. Under that plan the various churches would give or otherwise dispose of their property to the Union church. The members of the various individual churches would discontinue their membership in that church and join the Union church and all of the affairs of the churches uniting would be combined into one organization and management.

The other plan,—the Federation plan—is that the various churches of the town shall combine for work and worship and for practical efficiency, having one pastor for the Federated church and one organization, the material affairs handled by one treasurer and Board of Trustees; but the churches so combining do not give up their individual identity. The members of the Presbyterian church, for example, remain Presbyterians, and the Methodists remain Methodists, and their names are continued to be enrolled in the Presbyterian church of Flagstaff and the Methodist and the Episcopal, etc. and the membership of the various churches is so reported to their respective denominational heads. The gifts of the members of the various churches for missions and other benevolences will be kept account of by the treasurer of the Federated church and forwarded to the respective mission on benevolent societies or boards of their respective churches. The various church properties remain in possession of the denomination bodies to which they originally belonged and title to them is held by the boards of trustees of the local churches or by such boards or individuals as formerly held them. The various church buildings would be used by the Federated church for such purposes as needed, and the selection of a pastor and assistant or assistants, if any, would be in the hands of the Federated congregation, acting through its representatives on the governing board. In case differences arose between the members of the different churches forming the Federated church so great that it should seem impossible to continue the Federated church, or if, for any other reason, it seemed advisable to dissolve the Federated church, the various churches in the federation would simply go back to their former condition and method of management and to their own church building.

Now the Federal Council of churches, after a careful consideration of these three modes of unification, recommend the Federation church as the best and most practical plan for nearly every community. It has been tried in a number of places with success, especially where churches of similar teaching and form of government desired to combine.

As a second choice they recommend the Denominational church, and, as a last choice, the Union church, which is not very strongly recommended because there are very few communities in which absolute union could be a

practical success. There are too many difficulties in the way of complete union, and in old established communities, it is usually practically impossible to get the churches to entirely surrender their separate existences. It is not thought that Union church could be formed in Flagstaff; likewise the Denominational church finds many obstacles and this mode of modification is not considered a likely one for Flagstaff, for it is not likely that any of the churches would be willing to go bodily over to any of the other denominations nor that all of them would go over to one idea.

The plan remains then of the Federation church, which has been found practical in many other communities and which seems to those who have been interested in church union to be practicable for such a community as Flagstaff. Although many of the criticisms that are directed at the church are undoubtedly unjust, yet the fact remains that the Christian community of Flagstaff cannot be at its highest efficiency so long as it is divided into so many separate church bodies, which, despite their best intentions, are more or less competitive and antagonistic to each other and which brings to the town more ministers than the community is able to support properly. It is felt that something must be done to stop this multiplication of churches and there seems to be no reason why the Evangelical Christians of Flagstaff should not work together. The line of effort, in the future, for unification of the churches will be by means of a Federated church.

A big mass meeting is contemplated in the near future to explain fully and make plain the matter to all the people of Flagstaff that are interested in the welfare of its churches, and, if possible, to secure their efforts for a united movement for federation.

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LUKE IS A DISCIPLE OF DO IT IN ARIZONA

Chairman Luke of the board of county supervisors returned this morning from a short vacation spent in the northern part of the state. Speaking of the "Spend the Summer in Arizona" movement he said:

"You cannot move a mile through any of the northern forests without finding anywhere from one to a dozen parties camping and having the very best vacation they ever spent anywhere.

"I am positive that we saw between 500 and 600 machines parked and the occupants in camp. What is much more important, every one of the parties that we talked with seemed to feel that they were having the best sort of a good time and they all turned up their noses at the idea of going to the expositions or to the beaches.

"It would be impossible to estimate how many people from southern Arizona there were this summer in Yavapai and Coconino counties. I do not suppose we saw one-tenth of them and the results of this stay-at-home idea will be good in every way."—Phoenix Gazette.

Former Co. I Soldier Joins Allies

Captain E. M. Robison received the following letter from a former member of company I who recently enlisted with the English army.

"Folkstone, England, Aug. 23, 1915.

Dear Friend:
I suppose you have forgotten all about me by this time, but if you remember, I was with you a year ago at Garden Canyon (encampment) and now I am in the 26th battalion going to France in two weeks. Do you think I could get back in company I when I go back to Flagstaff? Well, so long.

D. H. BEARS,

B Co. 26th Brigade, East Sandling, England."

Bears has many friends around here who will remember him. As an indication of some doubt about his coming back, Bears underscored the words "when" and "back" in the sentence asking if he could get back in Co. I "when" he got "back" in Flagstaff.

The Parker Indians are seriously objecting to Commissioner Cato Sells' idea of importing Mexican Indians and other Indians to take up their lands at a small price, believing that the present amount of indebtedness charged against them by the government will eventually make them a bankrupt tribe on account of the price given them for the land and the overhead charge made by the government for "expenses."

HUNTING TROUBLE IN THE GRAND CANYON

To navigate the turbulent Colorado river from the upper part of the Grand Canyon to Yuma is a feat which Charles Russell and Maurice Lanyon, two Mohave county men, will attempt in a small boat. They will start on their perilous trip this week.

A letter was received yesterday at the governor's office from one of the men asking permission to capture a mountain sheep in case they should have an opportunity to do so. "In case one should jump into the boat," the writer put it, "we would hate like everything to push it out into the river and watch it drown." The request of the intrepid voyagers has been referred to State Game Warden Willard, who has authority to grant permission for the capture of protected animals when they are intended to be used in scientific collections.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE DEPUTY GAME WARDEN

Zack Eakins, deputy state game warden for the northern district has received word from State Game Warden Willard that the state wardens are to hereafter cooperate with the United States authorities in prosecuting any violations of the federal game laws within the state of Arizona.

The open season for waterfowl in Arizona is from Oct. 15 to Feb. 1st. Where state laws conflict with federal laws, the federal authorities will insist on the enforcement of the federal law.

Arizona is included in that division of the United States designated as Zone No. 2, consequently sportsmen in Northern Arizona will do well not to connive at the death of any waterfowl before Oct. 15 nor after Feb. 1st next. This includes ducks and geese, rails, coots and gallinules, shore birds, plovers, jacksnipe, lumber jacks, yellowlegs and bootleggers. Of course this is a josh about a lumber jacks and bootleggers, for they can shoot the year round, but it is well to remember the open season dates and not permit Zack Eakins to locate you shooting and annoying other birds mentioned in Zone No. 2 for he has a strong aspiration to accumulate the fellow that does.

Supt. R. H. Tuttle Likes Flagstaff

Supt. R. H. Tuttle and Mrs. Tuttle of Winslow, were in Flagstaff a short time last Saturday. Superintendent Tuttle has a mighty friendly feeling for Flagstaff and has shown it in many ways during his administration as division superintendent for the Santa Fe. He has succeeded in removing many of the small "irritations" that patrons run up against now and then and has convinced people that so far as his authority extends that they are to receive good honest business-like treatment. The people appreciate it and are generally glad to reciprocate.

Well Known Brakeman Killed

Henry Moss, a well known brakeman, of Winslow, was killed at Houck station Tuesday morning. His train was on the side track waiting for No. 9 and he stepped across on the main track right in front of it. He was instantly killed. His sister, Miss Dee Moss is clerk of the board of supervisors of Navajo county.

Would Help Our Potato Growers

The potato growers of Flagstaff have organized themselves into an association, with the object of securing a market for the potato crop which has been extra good this year. Two thousand acres of potatoes were raised this year in Coconino county. There is no reason why Coconino county should not raise potatoes to supply Arizona instead of shipping in from outside points. We should do our utmost to encourage dealers in all sections of the state to handle these Arizona potatoes. If each of us, no matter where we live, would insist that so far as possible we are supplied with home grown products, we can do a great deal to make the state as a whole more prosperous. Let's help out the Coconino potato growers.—Southwestern Stockman.

Babcock Goes to Reform School

Charles Babcock will leave Sunday for the Fort Grant Industrial school. He has been out several months on probation and when Supt. Pulliam was up here a short time ago, he concluded that Charlie ought to go back and take up his old job of superintending the school farm, a position that he filled with credit to himself when he was there previously.

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING WANTED SOON

Flagstaff's public library building is coming along very slowly not because of a lack of interest in the Woman's Club, but rather because the people generally are willing to let them do it all and do the best they can. We would suggest that if the ladies would pick out a suitable location and unanimously demand it, they would soon have a "ground work" for the library building.

A library building where the many relics, curios, photos, and a general collection of things of special interest to Flagstaff and northern Arizona could be kept would make the place a center of interest to tourists. Donations of curios would be forthcoming from all directions to build up that special room.

WHAT IT COSTS PEOPLE TO LIVE IN ARIZONA STATE

A comparison of the tax rates as levied by the supervisors of the various counties of the state discloses the fact that Cochise county with her rate of \$1.07 on the \$100 valuation has the lowest, while Maricopa county comes second, with \$1.12, and Yavapai follows with a rate of \$1.15. Clerk B. L. Hitch of the board of supervisors has just received the list from the state board of the rate from the various counties, and while it was practically assured that Cochise rate would be the lowest, it was not thought that the difference from the next closest would amount to three cents. The rate of the counties follows in order:

Cochise \$1.07; Maricopa \$1.12; Yavapai \$1.15; Greenlee, \$1.17; Pinal, \$1.28; Yuma, \$1.30; Santa Cruz \$1.35; Navajo \$1.47; Gila, \$1.48; Mohave \$1.50; Pima \$1.55; Coconino \$1.65; Graham \$1.70; Apache \$1.80.

Most every county this year shows an increase in the rate, some a slight increase, such as Cochise, which was only 3½ cents over last year, while others show a much larger increase over last year.

The increase of all the counties is claimed to be due to the falling off of the saloon licenses since the first of the year, as was the case in Cochise, while in Mohave the increase was due to the reduction in mine assessment by the state tax commission, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars.

Last year Cochise had the lowest rate, with 94 cents, state and county rate, and the highest valuation; this year she still retains her position, heading the list with the highest valuation and the lowest rate.

White Says He Was Double Crossed

Uncle H. B. White (Habitually White) of the Weatherford hotel went to Clarkdale Monday on a "Buster" relief expedition and came home Tuesday with "old Sal" his shotgun on his shoulder feeling that he had been double-crossed. A sewing machine man hired a team of Frank Bennett and started south taking "Buster" Mr. White's pet dog along. When he failed to return both White and Bennett begin to long for their belongings. "Habitually" White started down to Clarkdale with his revolving shotgun to get the dog and incidentally the team. The shotgun may sound bad, but he had an idea of getting the team and shooting a few quail along the route home, but, ding bust it, a rancher had started back with the team—also dog about an hour before White reached Clarkdale, consequently he came home with an un-shot shotgun.

Bad Accident

Mr. Red Post, the traffic officer who stands in the center of the street at the junction of Leroux and Aspen, was struck by an auto the other night but at last report was resting easy and will be "right side up with care" in a few days.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dutton received an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ayer to attend their golden wedding anniversary at their home, The Oaks, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Mr. Ayers is well known in Flagstaff as he was one of the pioneer lumbermen of Flagstaff years ago, having first established a sawmill here on the present site of the big A. L. & T. Co. plant. While Mr. Ayers is a multimillionaire now he still retains fond memories of Flagstaff and never fails to stop here for a day with friends when he is in the west.

The Goodding-Wacek Wedding

A marriage of much interest to residents of the Warren District was solemnized Monday afternoon, at Tucson, when Miss Bernice Wacek, of Bisbee, became the bride of Prof. L. N. Goodding, a member of the faculty of the Flagstaff Normal School. The ceremony was performed at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. A. W. Adkinson, of Los Angeles, superintendent of the Arizona Mission of the Methodist Episcopal church. Only immediate relatives and friends saw the ceremony, which was performed at the residence of C. W. Adkinson, financial secretary of the state University, a brother of the officiating clergyman.

The bride is a member of one of the better known families of the Warren District, having been prominently affiliated with the work of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city. At the wedding she was attended by her sister, Miss Rilla Wacek, of Bisbee, who accompanied the couple to their new home in Flagstaff, where Miss Wacek will attend the State Normal school.—Bisbee Review (Sept. 1.)

Ben Pierce Married

Ben Pierce, of Williams, and Miss Lottie Wiatt, formerly of Phoenix, were married a week ago Sunday in the First M. E. church of Los Angeles. Mrs. Pierce was formerly a teacher in the Phoenix public schools. Ben is well known in this end of the county and is a civil engineer and an expert cement man. He was on the job at the new city reservoir while it was being built last year and has been in charge of a number of important pieces of cement construction along the Santa Fe railroad.

Mr. J. P. Kerley, wife and baby, were in Flagstaff a few days the first of the week from Tolchaco, where Kerley talks Irish to the Indians.

AN OLD LANDMARK MAKES WAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS

The old wooden awning on the Black building, corner of Railroad avenue and San Francisco, has been torn down thus removing one of the old landmarks under which much local history was made during the early days in Flagstaff. The old wooden posts supporting the awning were well marked with bullet holes that were planted there in rapid gun fights when six-pistols were considered an important part of an argument. Cattle brands, knotsches and slugs of lead had scarred them over until it was necessary to protect them with an iron covering and even that received its share of holes in those happy old days.

An old timer coming to town now will be some bewildered when he endeavors to find "Vail's old corner." The old building sorter looks bare, unhappy and lonesome as a man who shaves off his whiskers after having used them for many years as a part of his adornment.

New comers will appreciate the improvement in the appearance of the corner, but the old timers will just have to get used to it and break in to our new city ways.

Feathers Lighter Than the Earth

L. J. Featherstone, one of the genial polite timber undertakers at the F. L. M. logging camp, has been in the Milton hospital for a week or more with a face that looks as though he had been bucking a foolish emery wheel with it. He was riding one of those large two wheeled logging automobiles, bringing in denuded trees when one of the wheels kissed a stump and old Feathers started immediately to entrench himself in the earth. He got down a foot or two into the earth before he realized he was just naturally wearing off all the enamel on his face. His face now looks like a small section of the lava beds and is very interesting to look at though it is difficult to really see Feathers through the down.

United in Life and Death

Thorwald Larson, a prominent attorney and court commissioner at Holbrook, arrived in Phoenix, Friday with the body of his father, who died while visiting his son. While on his way here, Larson received word of the death of his mother, which occurred yesterday morning, and a double funeral will be held. The bodies are at the undertaking parlors of Moore & McLellan.

Mr. Larson was eighty-two years old and his wife seventy-eight. The latter had not been informed of the death of her husband. They resided with a daughter, Mrs. Millie Christoferson, on the Christy road, about three and a half miles west of Phoenix.—Phoenix Republican.

ELKS MINSTREL SHOW A HOWLING SUCCESS

The Elks minstrel show at the Majestic theatre last week Thursday night was a howling success and brought out a packed house. The black face artists took hacks at about everyone greatly to the amusement of the audience, whether the recipient of the delicate attention from the smokes did so or not.

E. A. Brown, an interlocutor, was the personification of dignity and possessed a remarkable fund of large impressive language. Much credit for the entertainment is due O. L. Hall for his work as director as well as to James Swinnerton for his assistance as an expert fun maker. Miss Nora Gregg as musical director proved a veritable artist in her work. The end men were Jos. Rickel, Paul Coffin, F. D. Crable, Bryan Hilty, L. C. Riley, Chas. Guyber, who kept the audience in exceeding good humor with their snappy jokes, and not a stale one in the lot.

The songs were new and catchy and given with enthusiasm worthy of a bunch of professionals.

Artist Swinnerton gave a half hour's entertainment showing how "Little Jimmie" is made for the big papers, interspersing his drawings with a witty line of talk that was both illuminating and amusing. His own "mug" as a finality was such a grotesque reality, the house howled its appreciation of his own idea of himself.

The Kannuck monologue by F. S. Breen was well received by the audience. The comedy skit staged by Dr. Miller with wonderful effects was a real laugh getter. Dr. Tom Manning with C. B. Wilson for a patient utilized Dr. Miller's spectacular brain examiner with great success and to the amusement of the audience. A fancy dancing specialty by Prof. R. Saunders Bagby and lady of Chicago, in all the new dances was interesting to dancers and instructive to those who have heard about them.

The committee who had the entertainment in charge were W. B. Raudebaugh, Roger Morse and J. C. Meyers, all of whom were well pleased with the show and appreciative of the outside help given.

Athletic Show Draws Big House

The Flagstaff Athletic club gave a splendid entertainment last night at the Majestic theatre, to a full house. It was too late to gather a line on it for the Sun this week, but a detailed account of the professional work brought out by Prof. Robinson will appear later. The boys go to Williams this evening and to Winslow Saturday night. Their audiences at the two places need not fear but they will get full value for their money.

Noted Author in Flagstaff

Zane Grey, the noted author accompanied by his sisters arrived in Flagstaff Wednesday from Grand Canyon, having made the trip in by auto. They will leave shortly for a trip to the White Mountain country to wind up their summer vacation in the west before returning to New York.

Will Teach at Holbrook

Miss Norah Trafton, of Flagstaff, who will teach the south side school this year, arrived in Holbrook last Monday. She was accompanied by her mother. The ladies found comfortable rooms at the home of Mrs. Ellen Greer, and have already established a home there.—Holbrook News.

Thos. Ortega was allowed to pay a fine of \$100 and visit the county jail for taking a chunk out of the prohibition amendment at Holbrook recently.

From ten to twenty three Mexicans were reported to have been killed during their ride into Texas. This may lead to international interments.

Blas Lazano and Victor Wizar have both confessed to the cold blooded murder of Cronmeyer and McDonald at Allentown, which occurred in June. Since they merely shot Cronmeyer and McDonald when they were defenseless, and have admitted it, we suppose that governor Hunt will insist on their staying in during recess.

Mexican money in Mexico is a dangerous proposition. They are liable to shoot you if they find any of it on your person and are two durned willing to perform the same service for you if you don't accept it when offered. Caranza won't accept any of his own money now and calls it "illicit money." I'd rather be a \$100 bill and go broke than to be called any such bellieukus name as that.